

Establish at least one Coop Super Bazar in each district: Advisor Khan to officers

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan, on Friday asked the officers to devise a mechanism for establishment of at least one Cooperative Super Bazar in each district.

Advisor, while chairing a review meeting of Cooperative Department, maintained that the Super Bazars have the potential of doing tremendous business if run on professional lines. He asked the officers of the department to upgrade these business outlets on modern lines making them attractive and preferential place to go for the customers.

Among others the meeting was attended by Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal; Registrar Cooperative Societies, Shafqat Iqbal; Special Secretary, Cooperatives, Rachna Sharma; Additional Registrar Cooperatives, Jammu, Nirupa Rai; Additional Registrars, Joint Registrars and Deputy Registrars from all the districts while all Kashmir based officers participated through video conferencing.

Advisor emphasized upon the officers to work for over achieving the targets fixed for each of them. He asked them to utilize the local contacts by visiting the field regularly to know about strengths of their respective areas so that the required number of societies is established. He asked them to facilitate people in establishment of societies that have potential to grow in their areas.

Advisor Khan also advised the officers to conduct regular awareness camps in their areas to reach to maximum number of people asking them to target the far flung areas which are ideal locations for successfully running these societies. He said that each district of J&K has its own products to promote be it tourism, agriculture, horticulture, poultry, dairy or other



Advisor, Farooq Khan chairing a review meeting of Cooperative Department.

allied activities and asked the officers to tap this potential by involving people in their plans.

Advisor stressed on the need of running cooperative banks on professional lines by involving relevant people having necessary expertise in the field to man the board and management of banks. He asked the department to look for ways and means to reduce the NPAs in these banks and focus on recovery of loans being extended by them.

Secretary Cooperatives elaborately explained the activities and achievements of the department.

She asked the officers to submit their monthly performance reports regularly in the devised format without any fail. She also impressed upon the district heads of the department to work for achievement of bulk of their targets in next couple of months to avoid any mismanagement in the end of the financial year. She maintained that the task of revival of the department might be a bit difficult but not distant to accomplish if done with a missionary zeal.

Registrar Cooperatives apprised the meeting of various measures being taken up by the department for its betterment. He

informed the meeting that all the Super Bazars have been registered on GeM portal besides bar coding and smart billing in these Bazars is also in progress. He said that Rs 250 lakh have been earmarked for modernization of these Bazars by the department.

It was informed in the meeting that the Super Bazars had a cumulative turnover of around Rs 11346.07 lakh during 2018-21 with a net profit of Rs 183.40 lakh for the same period.

Regarding achievements recorded by the department, it was informed that the department has already launched a portal for online registration of cooperative societies to save time of public and ensure transparency. The elections of cooperative societies have also been held and around 359 notifications regarding the

same had been issued till now, as claimed in the meeting, in different districts of J&K.

Similarly, the department has registered a number of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in sev-

eral districts of the UT. It was also informed that the department has switched to e-office for swift and hassle free functioning.

The meeting was also apprised that there are 1492 Cooperative societies registered with the department under Cooperative Societies Act, 1989. These included banks, stores and business outlets related to agriculture, housing, poultry, dairy and Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS). Besides, there are 2193 societies registered under J&K Self Reliant Cooperative Act, 1999.

ASSOCHAM submits suggestions to Niti Aayog

Suggests Incentives for IT services, development of tourism circuit in Jammu

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JAMMU: ASSOCHAM J&K Council on Friday suggested Incentives for IT services and development of tourism circuit in Jammu to Dr. V K Saraswat, member of NITI Aayog in Jammu along with other suggestions for the holistic development of the Union Territory.

Manik Batra, Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council today briefed Dr. V K Saraswat, member of NITI



ASSOCHAM J&K Council delegating during meeting with Dr. V K Saraswat, Member of NITI Aayog.

Aayog about the issues being faced by the trade and Industry

of Jammu and Kashmir and shared some suggestion for the

development of J&K. "J&K can be one of the top destinations in the country for setting up BPOs and other IT and ITES related services. We have a lot of skilled manpower available across J&K. It will also increase job opportunities in J&K. The government should look at some incentives to attract major players from across India," said Manik Batra. "We have many tourists attraction in and around Jammu, like Mansar, Patnitop, Bhaderwah,

Basohli and many similar, which can be developed as major tourist attraction. Developing these destinations can help boost the economy of Jammu division," he added. ASSOCHAM also suggested freight subsidy, Access to Finance and Reservation to locals in land allotments. Dr. Saraswat gave patient hearing to ASSOCHAM and assured that the suggestions given by ASSOCHAM will be considered in policy making.



Congress committed to honour aspirations of J&K people: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla during visit to Bawe Wali Mata Shrine.

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JAMMU: Newly appointed JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Friday paid obeisance at Bawe Wali Mata Shrine Bahu Fort Jammu to seek blessings of Goddess to effectively perform newly assigned vital responsibility.

Later Bhalla also visited Gurudwara Digiana Ashram to seek blessings of Shriman Mahant Manjeet Singh of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch. On the occasions several prominent members of party accompanied Bhalla.

Meanwhile hundreds of party activists visited residence of former Minister to congratulate him and also to express gratitude to AICC President Gandhi for taking momentous decision of appointing Bhalla working President of JKPCC.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that he is grateful that confidence has been expressed in him by party chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

"With party workers' help, I'll take party's ideology to grassroot level. I'll take everyone together to take forward J&K on basis of party's ideology and also in accordance with aspirations of people of J&K," said the newly appointed Working President.

When asked about any move with regard to re-organization of J&K units, district and Block committees of the party, Bhalla said it has to be decided by JKPCC President GA Mir.

"I think there is no need to be in hurry. For some time the party will move with the same arrangement and decision in this regard can be taken after discussing the issue with the party high command," Bhalla maintained.

Addressing party workers and other functionaries at his residence, Bhalla thanked the party functionaries and other activists for his warm welcome and said that it was their gesture, love and affection that they came out in large number to congratulate him.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla asked the Centre to restore the dignity and honour of the J&K by granting Statehood, besides restoring democratic rights to the people of J&K.

He also termed the Congress Party only unifying force capable enough to defeat maneuvering to divide people on the basis of their region or religion aiming to gain political mileage on the part of BJP.

He said that efforts to weaken the Congress Party will be thwarted while terming it (Congress) a true representative of the people credited of having rendered remarkable service to the Nation during 75 years post-independence.

He urged the people to rise to the occasion to oppose the wrong policies of the Centre towards J&K.



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